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"AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section, "advanced industry sector certificates program" means (1) a
5 program pursuant to which a postsecondary student may take courses
6 toward a certificate in an emerging sector, including, but not limited
7 to, an industry-recognized credential in green energy, healthcare,
8 transportation or construction, at a regional community-technical
9 college for two days per week while simultaneously learning such
10 industry's trade from an employer as an employee in a related
11 occupational field for the remaining three days per week, (2) but shall
12 not include a program pursuant to which such student may take
13 courses toward a certificate in the manufacturing industry.

14 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, the Board of Regents for Higher

15 Education, in accordance with the findings and recommendations of
16 the Planning Commission for Higher Education, established pursuant
17 to section 10a-11b of the general statutes, shall develop a plan for
18 establishing and implementing advanced industry sector certificates
19 programs to serve adult learners who are pursuing a career in an
20 industry related to an emerging sector. Students shall complete such
21 program in not more than five consecutive semesters and earn an
22 industry-recognized credential upon such completion.

23 (c) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall (1) establish
24 eligibility requirements for students of an advanced industry sector
25 certificates program implemented pursuant to subsection (b) of this
26 section, and (2) ensure that all educators utilizing such programming
27 have the necessary professional certification or comparable teaching
28 experience, as determined by said board.

29 (d) A student who successfully completes an advanced industry
30 sector certificates program implemented pursuant to subsection (b) of
31 this section shall earn an industry-recognized credential, as
32 determined by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in the
33 relevant emerging sector of the local labor market.

34 (e) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the Board
35 of Regents for Higher Education shall report, in accordance with the
36 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
38 relating to higher education and employment advancement on the
39 collection of data capturing student performance outcomes, including,
40 but not limited to:

41 (1) The number of students who are enrolled in such advanced
42 industry sector certificates program, the number of students who
43 completed such program, the number of students who dropped out of
44 such program, the reasons for which such students dropped out and
45 aggregate data concerning the students' age, race, gender, town of
46 residence and number of dependents living in the household at the

47 time of enrollment, provided the disclosure of such data does not
48 result in the disclosure of personally identifiable information about a
49 student without such student's consent;

50 (2) Each employer who is teaching a student enrolled in such
51 program a trade that is related to the certificate such student is
52 pursuing;

53 (3) The occupational field of each employer identified pursuant to
54 subdivision (2) of this subsection; and

55 (4) The number of students who obtain a job upon completion of
56 such program in the subject area of the certificate such students earned
57 through participation in such program."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section